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**SENIOR REFLECTION COMMUNITY
IR700 -- STUDENT SYLLABUS
FALL 2003**

The Senior Reflection Seminar serves as an integrative closure to the Seminary experiences of spiritual, intellectual, personal and vocational formation. The experience is designed to foster a sense of community through peer reflection and group interaction. Major components of the course include case studies, and a Theology of Ministry paper. It is required in the final semester of a student's degree program. Two hours of credit will be given for the seminar.

ATTENDANCE: Since an inherent value of the IRC resides in the group experience, attendance is mandatory for credit in the course. The only absences allowed will be for personal or family emergencies and unavoidable church responsibilities (e.g., funerals and mandatory attendance at denominational meetings for ordination). All absences should be negotiated with your seminar leader.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

GOAL #1: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP/STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD.

Objective A: Students will share their seminary spiritual life journey.

Objective B: Students will affirm and support each other through fellowship and acts as a Christian community.

Objective C: Students will design and covenant to maintain a personal and corporate devotional practice.

GOAL 2: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR VOCATION.

Objective A: Students will develop spiritual, intellectual, personal and vocational goals for their first year in ministry.

Objective B: Students will develop a list of questions regarding their first year in ministry.

GOAL #3.: PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF INTEGRATION

Objective A: Students will reflect on given case studies and interact with other students in their IRC community.

Objective B: Students will write a Theology of Ministry.

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IR700 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 3 INTRODUCTIONS, GOALS 1-A, B

CASE I (THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY PAPER)

LEADER: HAND OUT "7 BASIC RESPONSE QUESTIONS" SHEET TO STUDENTS FOR DISCUSSION ON September 18th..

10 INTRODUCTIONS, GOALS 1-A, B, C

17 DISCUSSION OF "TOM" PAPER CASE STUDY USING "7 BASIC RESPONSE QUESTIONS" SHEET

24 GOAL 3-A

OCTOBER 1 SETTING GOALS FOR MINISTRY, GOALS 2-A, B

8 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY/INTEGRATING SEMINARY TRAINING AND THE PRACTICE OF MINISTRY, GOAL 3

THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY PAPER DUE

15 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY PROGRESS, GOAL 3-B

FULL DISCUSSION OF THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY PAPER

22 **CASE II (VIDEO)**, GOAL 3-A

29 **CASE III**, GOAL 3-A

NOVEMBER 5 **CASE III**, GOAL 3-A Continued

12 **SHARING GOALS**, 2--A

19 **CASE IV**, GOAL 3-A

24-28 READING WEEK – NO CLASS

DECEMBER 3 TRANSITIONING TO MINISTRY VOCATION, GOAL 2-A, B/1-B

8-12 EXAM WEEK